

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Elections/Restrictions

A. Restriction

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect Group I encompassing claims 1-15 drawn to an alloy. Since applicants have elected claims directed to a product, if such claims are subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be considered for rejoinder.

B. Election of Species

Applicants' election of Group I requires the further election of species. Applicants elect Species 2 directed to an alloy comprising platinum, zinc, and iron, and further elect species 2d directed to an alloy in which the concentration of platinum is between about 40 and about 60 atomic percent, the concentration of zinc is between about 10 and about 30 atomic percent, and the concentration of iron is between about 25 and about 50 atomic percent.

Claims readable on the elected species include claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 14. Upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim, as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

CONCLUSION

Applicants do not believe that a fee is required for the filing of this response, as it is being submitted within the three-month shortened statutory period for reply. Should applicants be incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

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